

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus and method for the biometric identification of a person, who has an authentication area containing biometric features, the apparatus including a sensor having an identification area for detecting the biometric features of the part of the person's authentication area which is situated on the identification area, a comparison device for comparing the detected biometric features with the biometric features, stored in a memory, of a part of the authentication area of an authorized person or of a number of authorized persons in order to determine the relative position of the biometric features detected by the sensor within the part of the authentication area, and a computation device for calculating an identification code, which identifies the person detected by the sensor, from the detected biometric features which are not stored in the memory on the basis of the relative position of the biometric features which are stored in the memory within the stored authentication area.